



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

June 2, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO PRATT
WHITNEY CANADA FOR A PT6T-3D POWER SECTION AND TO GENERAL ELECTRIC
AVIATION FOR A T700-701C ENGINE; AND, APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION
ADJUSTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT'S HELICOPTER
ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY (ACO) FUND, DESIGNATION FOR PROGRAM
EXPANSION, TO THE FIRE DISTRICT'S HELICOPTER ACO FUND, SERVICES AND
SUPPLIES APPROPRIATION
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to purchase two helicopter engines for a total cost of approximately \$1,700,000; and an appropriation adjustment transferring \$1,700,000 from the District's Helicopter ACO Fund, Designation for Program Expansion, to the District's Helicopter ACO Fund, Services and Supplies appropriation.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
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HAWAIIAN GARDENS
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HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
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PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
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WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent of the Internal Services Department to issue a purchase order not to exceed \$470,000 to Pratt Whitney Canada (P&WC) for a reserve PT6T-3D Power Section for use in the District's three Bell 412-EP helicopters.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent of the Internal Services Department to issue a purchase order not to exceed \$1,200,000 to General Electric Aviation (GEA) for a reserve T700-701C engine for use in the District's three Sikorsky Firehawk helicopters.
3. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment transferring \$1,700,000 from the District's Helicopter ACO Fund, Designation for Program Expansion to the District's Helicopter ACO Fund, Services and Supplies appropriation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This recommended action is to approve the purchase of a reserve PT6T-3D Power Section from P&WC to be utilized on any one of the District's three Bell 412-EP helicopters (11, 12 and 14); and the purchase of a reserve T700-701C engine from GEA to be used in any one of the District's three Sikorsky Firehawk helicopters (15, 16 and 19).

The purchase of these reserve engines will eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, the out-of-service time waiting for engine repairs and overhauls. Having reserve engines in stock ensures the fastest turnaround time in placing the helicopters back in-service and ready for emergency response. The decreased helicopter engine replacement time that these on-site reserve engines allow is especially critical during the summer months when the threat of wildland fire is at its highest.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, "Operational Effectiveness," as well as Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, "Public Safety."

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated cost for the two reserve engines is approximately \$1,700,000. With your Board's approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustment, sufficient funds will be available for this purchase. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL PROVISIONS:

The District has used P&WC as its sole source for Bell 412 engine repairs and overhauls for the past 17 years because they are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and have the highest qualifications and most dependable turnaround time for engine work. Purchasing the reserve power section direct from P&WC will allow the District to save money by taking advantage of special pricing and customer discounts.

The District has utilized GEA as its sole source for Firehawk engine repairs and overhauls for the past 8 years because they are the OEM and the only company that can work on this model of a military helicopter engine. GEA is the sole source manufacturer of the T700 model helicopter engine and it is the only model engine approved for use in the Sikorsky Firehawk helicopter.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On October 16, 2001, your Honorable Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

These are commodity purchases under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchases will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Approval of the recommended action will enable the Fire District to continue our efforts to provide fire protection and life safety services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

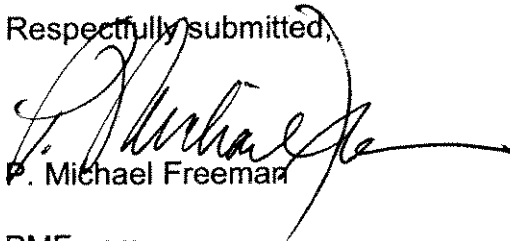
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
June 2, 2009
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CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to the following offices:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Chief Deputy Daryl L. Osby

Respectfully submitted,



P. Michael Freeman

PMF:acm

Attachment

- c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S
NO. 390-18

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

MAY 5, 2009

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2008-09
4 - VOTE

SOURCES

Fire Department
Helicopter Replacement-ACO
BR5-FR-3017
Designation for Program Expansion
\$ 1,700,000

USES

Fire Department
Helicopter Replacement-ACO
BR5-FR-2000-40730
Services & Supplies
Increase Appropriation
\$ 1,700,000

SUMMARY TOTAL

SOURCES:

\$ 1,700,000

USES:

\$ 1,700,000

JUSTIFICATION: THE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A PT6T-3D POWER SECTION TO USE IN THE DISTRICTS 3 BELL 412-EP HELICOPTERS AND T700-701C ENGINE TO USE IN THE DISTRICTS 3 SIKORSKY FIREHAWK HELICOPTERS.


ASSISTANT CHIEF, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR-

ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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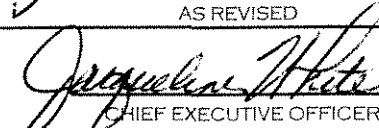
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April 15 20 09

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

April 28 20 09


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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